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PASS TO HUD/OFFICE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
ALSO PASS TO SER/H, AID/W FOR INFORMATION

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SUBJ: URXAN HOMESTEADING INFORMATION

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1. SELF-HELP PROGRAMS SUPPORTED BY KENYA GOVERNMENT
RELATIVELY NEW AND FALL MAINLY IN SELF-HELP AND AIDED SELF-
HELP CATEGORIES. BECAUSE OF NEWNESS SOME INFORMATION
REQUESTED REFTEL UNAVAILABLE.

2. HOWEVER, MOST INFORMATION AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON EITHER
WITH WORLD BANK (IBRD) URBAN PROJECTS DIVISION OR IAD OFFICE
OF HOUSING (SER/H). SPECIFICALLY, IBRD IS CURRENTLY
IMPLEMENTING SITES AND SERVICES PROJECT IN NAIROBI (APPRAISAL
REPORT 607A-KE) AND HAS COMPLETED APPRAISAL PROCESS BUT NOT
REPORT, FOR SECOND URBAN PROJECT. SUGGEST MR. P. PATEL AT
IBRD BE CONTACTED FOR REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION. KENYA NATIONAL
HOUSING CORPORATION (NHC) ALSO UNDERTAKING SITES AND SERVICE
SCHEDULES FOR WHICH DOCUMENTATION ON PROCEDURES, ETC BEING
POUCHED TO SER/H. SUGGEST YOU CONTACT DAVE MCVOY OF SER/H.
FINALLY FOR INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION CONCERNING AID
HOUSING GUARANTEE (HG) PROJECTS IN KENYA, CURRENTLY
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BEING IMPLEMENTED AND CONSISTING OF LOW-COST, SMALL
UNIT HOUSING CAPABLE OF EXPANSION THROUGH SELF-HELP
EFFORTS FOLLOWING INITIAL CONSTRUCTION BY CONTRACTOR,
AGAIN SUGGEST CONTACT SER/H.

3. BRIEF INFORMATION SUPPLEMENTARY TO DOCUMENTATION
AVAILABLE IN WASHINGTON KEYED TO REFTEL:
A) LARGELY GOVERNMENT, EITHER DIRECTLY OR

INDIRECTLY ?BY INCORPORATING PRIVATE EFFORTS INTO
GOVERNMENT PLANNING AND SCHEMES)

O) ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS ARE CHARGED TO RESIDENTS

C) TO DATE ALL PROGRAMS HAVE BEEN SITE AND SERVICES
OR NEW UNIT HOUSING. THEREFORE PARTICIPATION
RESIDENTS DURING PLANNING/DESIGN/PRE-ALLOCATION
PHASES LIMITED. IN IBRD AND NHC PROGRAMS, RESIDENTS
SELECT THEIR OWN CONTRACTORS TO BUILD INDIVIDUAL
HOUSES AND IN MANY CASES ASSIST WITH CONSTRUCTION.
TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS PROVIDED DURING CONSTRUCTION
THASE IN FORM OF SUPERVISION OF BUILDING ACTIVITY
TO INSURE COMPLIANCE WITH BUILDING PLANS APPROVED
BY AUTHORITIES.

D) CONTRACT LABOR FOR INDIVIDUAL UNITS GENERALLY
PREFERRED BECAUSE OF LACK OF SKILLS OF RESIDENTS
AND FACT THAT HOUSEHOLD HEADS ARE USUALLY EMPLOYED
ELSEWHERE. GENERAL EXPERIENCE SEEMS TO BE THAT
SELF-HELP PROCESS (INCLUDING-SMALL CONTRACTOR INPUT)
CAN TAKE UP TO TWICE AS LONG AS CONTRACTOR BUILT
HOUSING IN MASS SCALE.

E) INFORMATION AVAILABLE DOCUMENTATION REFERRED
TO PARAGRAPH TWO. EXPERIENCE WITH HG PROJECTS IS
THAT ADDITIONAL ROOMS ARE BEING ADDED FOLLOWING
OCCUPANCY.

4. FYI. IBRD ALSO UNDERTAKING PROJECTS TANZANIA,
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BOTSWANA, ZAMBIA, ANS SER/H HAS PROJECTS BOTSWANA AND
ZAMBIA. SIMILAR INFORMATION OUTLINED PARAGRAPH TWO
AVAILABLE FOR THESE PROJECTS FROM IBRD AND SER/H.
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